

## MAKING FULL RESTITUTION

### Former Union Pacific Directors May Have to Empty Their Pockets.

### BOATNER'S PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

**Congress Will Have Shortly to Decide Whether the Judiciary or the Pacific Railway Committee Shall Have Charge of This Important Railroad Legislation.**

It begins to look as though the directors who looted the treasury of the Union Pacific railway of vast sums of money in the shape of stocks and bonds issued to them will have to disgorge. At least that is the determination of Mr. Bontner, of Louisiana, of the House Judiciary Committee. The real facts are that

been placed in such a crippled condition that it cannot repay the money loaned by the government for its construction. To secure restitution from them to the road is, in Mr. Bonner's opinion, the best way to secure the sum owing the government.

The House Judiciary Committee is, therefore, awaiting with interest the decision on the House on the motion which Mr. Reilly, of Pennsylvania, will make, to have the question of the collection of the debt due the government by the Pacific railways referred to the Pacific Railway Committee, of which Mr. Reilly is chairman. That will settle the first step in Mr. Boatner's effort to secure the protection of the claim of the United States against the great western roads which have received government aid.

The settlement of the committee in cases where there is a dispute regarding the proper committee to consider a bill rests with the House. The Judiciary Committee thinks the task belongs to them as the law committee of

The House, inasmuch as the question will not be a matter of arranging for payments with the roads in accordance with legislation already secured, but rather to devise some method for putting the roads in a position to meet their obligations to the government which will shortly fall due. Mr. Boatner is hopeful of obtaining a vote from the House referring the question to his committee.

securing gradual repayment of principal and interest due the government. The first provided that 5 per cent. and the latter that 25 per cent. of the earnings of the Pacific roads should be paid to the government in liquidation of the debt. As a matter of fact this payment has been defaulted on. If the government cannot collect the debt from the roads owing to the crippled condition in which they have been placed by reason of the conduct of former directors, it is very evident that only

by obtaining restitution from them can the government debt ever be secured and ultimately paid. When the Union Pacific road was formed by the consolidation with the Kansas Pacific and other lines, the then directors, chief of whom was the late Jay Gould, bought large amounts of the depreciated stocks and bonds of these small companies, obtaining in return stock and bonds of the

Union Pacific, which were worth quite a large sum of money. It is estimated that \$24,000,000 was paid in dividends for the Kansas Pacific in excess of its value.

By this and similar operations the directors so weighed down the Union Pacific with interest charges that it has been impossible for that road to obey the laws of 1873 and 1878.

Mr. Bontner's resolution is, therefore, in the nature of a creditor's bill to compel an accounting from the directors of the Union Pacific, and the directors who participated in wrecking that property. When the question is settled with reference to the Union Pacific, it is Mr. Bontner's intention to make similar efforts to secure the debts owing by the other Pacific

When the roads are thus placed in a condition to repay the debt, Mr. Boatner proposes that the government shall be secured by the roads, although he favors a reasonable extension of time for the payment.

If the movement succeeds, it will settle once and for all a question of great interest for the public, about which Congress has been trying to accomplish something for the past twenty years.

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**Striking Moulders at South Norwalk.**  
SOUTH NORWALK, Conn., March 26.—The

striking moulders at the Lockwood Manufacturing Company's foundry did not return to work, and a lockout has been declared by the company. A few men in other departments are at work, and they will be given employment for a few days. The company employs 400 men, but the moulders' strike affects all departments, and if the trouble is not settled the entire works will be closed. During the last summer when business was dull the company paid regular wages on reduced time. When work revived two weeks ago

**Workmen Sue for Wages.**  
EXETER, N. H., March 26.—The employees of the Swampscott Machine Company, of South Newmarket, have applied to the supreme court for the appointment of a receiver for the company in an effort to secure \$5,200 in wages several months overdue. The workmen allege that the business is being conducted at a loss, and that the owners are not paying the employees for their services. They are also trying to force the company into solvency, and have petitioned the probate court for the appointment of an assignee.

**Her Clothing Caught Fire.**  
Mrs. Lizzie Parker was almost fatally burned at her home, 674 Elm street northwest, yesterday about noon. She was busy cooking dinner, when her apron caught fire from the open grate. Her clothing took fire immediately and she ran into the street. Neighbors gathered around her and put out the fire. Mrs. Parker was removed to the Freedmen's Hospital, where she now lies in a critical condition, the burns being very severe.

**A Boy Kills His Companion.**

STROTTON, 15, was shot and probably fatally wounded by George Mackintosh, a companion, at Canton place yesterday afternoon. The cops, with three others, were playing robbers and Mackintosh pointed a revolver at Myers and pulled the trigger, not knowing that the weapon was loaded. Mackintosh was locked up, and is now nearly cranked with grief, attempted suicide.

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**Kanawha Mines Resume Work.**

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 26.—All the miners of the Kanawha Valley resumed work to-day. About 5,000 men are now employed. There is no trace of the recent bloody disturbances left here.

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**Killed for Insulting Women.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 26.—James Gilday, a plumber, was killed by a blow from the fist of an unknown man on Market street to-day. Gilday had addressed two women, and their male companion sought to punish him, with the result stated.

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**Four Hunters Drowned.**

HOLLAND, Mich., March 26.—Saturday night Eugene McVay, Charles Patre, and two other men left here in a boat to camp out and hunt on Sunday. The boat and outfit, but been

The second page of this paper next Sunday will interest everybody.

